

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Kenneth E. Kadziauskas et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/692,832  
Filed : October 24, 2003  
For : METHOD FOR CONTROLLING FLUID FLOW TO AND FROM AN  
EYE DURING OPHTHALMIC SURGERY  
Examiner : Theodore J. Stigell  
Group Art Unit : 3763  
Confirmation No. : 9263

**Response To Office Action Mailed January 25, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits the following comments in response to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2007. Examiner has asserted that claims 3, 5, and 23 (Invention I) and claims 24-28 (Invention II) are related as process and apparatus for its practice, but are distinct inventions. Applicant elects Invention I (claims 3, 5, and 23) without prejudice.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims now pending are allowable over the prior. Therefore, Applicant earnestly seeks a notice of allowance and prompt issuance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 502317.

Respectfully submitted,  
Advanced Medical Optics

Dated: May 9, 2007

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